

Claim 1 (currently amended):

A golf tee comprising:

- (a) an elongated shaft having a concave ball support surface on one end and terminating in a ground penetrating point at its other end;
- (b) a ground penetration stopping means disposed on the shaft for stopping the ground penetrating point at a predetermined depth, wherein the elongated shaft and the ground penetration stopping means comprise a unitary piece of plastic material formed by way of a process selected from the group consisting of a compression molding process, a transfer molding process, a casting process, an injection molding process.

Claim 2 (original): A golf tee as in claim 1, wherein the ground penetration stopping means is a disk having a top surface and a bottom surface, such that the top and bottom surfaces are substantially perpendicular to the axis of the shaft, and such that the axis of the disk coincides with the axis of the shaft.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A golf tee as in claim 2, wherein the distance from the top surface to the ball support surface is ~~ranging from about 12.5 millimeters to about 40 millimeters~~ about 37 millimeters.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A golf tee as in claim 2, wherein the distance from the top surface to the ball support surface is about 30 38 millimeters.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A golf tee as in claim 2, wherein the distance from the top surface to the ball support surface is about 35 40 millimeters.

Claim 6 (original): A golf tee as in claim 5, wherein the diameter of the disk is ranging from about 5 millimeters to about 20 millimeters.

Claim 7 (original): A golf tee as in claim 5, wherein the diameter of the disk is about 10 millimeters.

Respectfully submitted,

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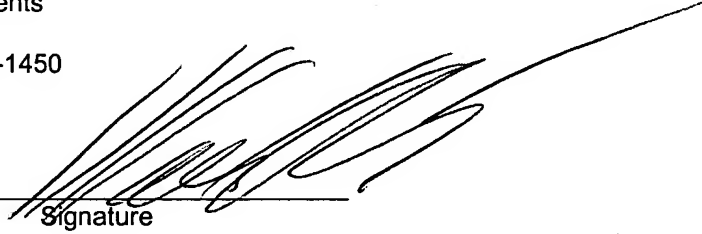
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Claim 1: A golf tee comprising:

(a) an elongated shaft having a concave ball support surface on one end and terminating in a ground penetrating point at its other end;

(b) a ground penetration stopping means disposed on the shaft for stopping the ground penetrating point at a predetermined depth, wherein the elongated shaft and the ground penetration stopping means comprise a unitary piece of plastic material formed by way of a process selected from the group consisting of a compression molding process, a transfer molding process, a casting process, an injection molding process.

Claim 2: A golf tee as in claim 1, wherein the ground penetration stopping means is a disk having a top surface and a bottom surface, such that the top and bottom surfaces are substantially perpendicular to the axis of the shaft, and such that the axis of the disk coincides with the axis of the shaft.

Claim 3: A golf tee as in claim 2, wherein the distance from the top surface to the ball support surface is about 37 millimeters.

Claim 4: A golf tee as in claim 2, wherein the distance from the top surface to the ball support surface is about 38 millimeters.

Claim 5: A golf tee as in claim 2, wherein the distance from the top surface to the ball support surface is about 40 millimeters.

Claim 6: A golf tee as in claim 5, wherein the diameter of the disk is ranging from about 5 millimeters to about 20 millimeters.

Claim 7: A golf tee as in claim 5, wherein the diameter of the disk is about 10 millimeters.